## REMARKS

By this amendment, the preamble of claims 2-12 has been amended to include "the improved blade for a shovel." Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome.

Claim 5 has been amended to set forth that "the points are spaced are apart by a distance 'd',"

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-12 are presented herein for reconsideration of the Examiner under appeal.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

Respectfully submitted

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